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Marillac's Care is Now Available in Montrose

The PIC Place is a nonprofit, safety net healthcare clinic in Montrose providing integrated care to approximately 3,000 residents of Montrose and surrounding areas.

Established in 2002 as the Community Dental Clinic, they expanded in 2017 to provide a broader scope of medical, behavioral health and dental care. They also renamed themselves "The PIC Place," with "PIC" standing for Partners in Integrated Care. After much growth, PIC began looking for a partner earlier this year, one that shares their mission and would help sustain their services for years to come.

Marillac's board and leadership felt very "in sync" with PIC because they use the same model of care that Marillac adopted early on and continues to adhere to today. We responded to their request and a due diligence was completed. **We are pleased to announce that Marillac will acquire PIC and their 30 talented employees by the end of 2023 and PIC will become a site for MarillacHealth. This is exciting news for the Montrose community that will have uninterrupted care for their residents.**



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**MarillacHealth and
The PIC Place
in Montrose are
becoming one!**



Marillac Welcomes New Chief Medical Officer

In July, Marillac welcomed Dr. David Dreitlein, MD, FACEP to his role as CMO. Coming to us directly from Montrose and The PIC Place (see first story), Dr. Dreitlein has years of clinical experience gained through various commitments: after attending the University of Colorado Boulder for his undergraduate education and then medical school at CU Health Sciences Center, he followed up with a residency in Emergency Medicine at Brown University where he served as Chief Resident. **After working in hospital settings as an emergency physician for over 20 years, holding many leadership roles including emergency department director and Chief of Staff, he transitioned to community medicine in 2020. Since then, he has worked as medical director for The PIC Place.**

Throughout his career, Dr. Dreitlein has worked as a physician in the Everest Region of Nepal as well as a flight physician. He has been active in medical roles for local National Parks, ski areas and other outdoor organizations. Welcome!

"The best thing about Marillac is the dedication of the staff to our patients. It is that common ground that makes for such a wonderful and dedicated group of coworkers. I am privileged to be part of an organization which remembers that the core value of medicine is to provide care to the sick and needy. It's what makes all the hard work by everyone worthwhile."

"New Doors to Health" Campaign Update



There is much work that has been going on behind the scenes to acquire land and design our new full-service building! Here's where we are in the planning process:

- **Agreement to purchase 4.5 acres just north of the Workforce Center and Mesa County Community Services on 29 1/2 Road**
- **Reviewed preliminary architectural designs**
- **Raised approximately 45% of \$19M project**
- **Planning groundbreaking in late spring 2024 and opening in spring 2025**

Marillac Receives Award from D51 To Open Health Center at GJHS

On September 19th, School District 51 Superintendent Brian Hill announced at the D51 Board of Education's business meeting that Marillac was awarded the contract to provide health services at the integrated health center at the new GJ High School. Marillac was the only entity to respond to a Request for Proposals that D51 sent out locally, statewide, and nationwide. Marillac is thrilled to be selected to do this, citing a proven ability to meet the high need and the resulting positive health outcomes that have been experienced by students visiting the Warrior Wellness Center, Marillac's school-based health center already operating at Central High School. Contract negotiations are underway and we look forward to gaining access to the site to finish the build out. The health center will open along with the new school in August 2024.



**Plan to give on Colorado Gives Day:
12/5/23! Easily the Best Day to Give!**

Edesia Event 2023 Sets Record for Funds Raised

Edesia, the name of the goddess of food who presides over feasts, and appropriately Marillac's biggest fundraiser, continues to provide fun for all and funds for Marillac's services. This year, beginning with a wine dinner then a food and beverage festival on a weekend in April and ending in August with a concert under the stars, **Edesia events raised nearly \$66,000!**

These funds help make health care affordable for Marillac patients, and we are thankful to our sponsors, our guests, and to the Wine Country Inn and Grande River Vineyards for making this care possible for our neighbors and friends!

Help us fundraise in 2024!

We are looking for donations to our silent auction of experiences like boat rides on the river, a cabin or condominium retreat, bike/horse/ATV packing/adventures, hand-crafted meal in a gorgeous setting, etc. If you or a friend have something like this, consider donating it to Marillac to sell to the highest bidder at April's Edesia.

Contact Martha at 970-200-1628 or martha.graf@marillachealth.org.



Save the date for Edesia 2024: Sunday, April 7th for the Main Event, which is all about food, drink, and a silent auction.

Funding Can Tell a Story

Marillac has received several grants recently to expand and enhance patient care.

- Colorado's Department of Health Care and Policy & Financing awarded Marillac \$291,363 to renovate our new 12th Street Clinic and hire new Medical and Behavioral Health providers. This will allow us to accept 500-800 new patients at this location over the next three years.
- From the Western Colorado Community Foundation, Marillac received a \$2,500 award from the Brownson Memorial Fund and an unsolicited \$15,000 award—both to support behavioral health care at Marillac 12th Street.
- The Caring for Colorado Foundation recently announced two grant awards for Marillac: \$150,000 for expanding reproductive health care and \$100,000 for the New Doors to Health (new clinic) campaign.
- Colorado's Senior Dental Program provided a grant for \$175,000 for helping lower income older adults with dentures and other dental restorations.
- Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Kansas gave a gift of \$100,000 to support patient medical and behavioral health care plus treatment of dental hardship cases.
- Earlier this summer, the State of Colorado awarded Marillac \$443,394 from the Primary Care fund (tobacco tax dollars) to support Marillac's care for over 1000 uninsured patients.
- Rocky Mountain Health Foundation awarded Marillac a \$27,000 workforce development grant for developing an internship program for training Medical Assisting students.

Mechelle's story speaks eloquently about what Marillac means to so many of our neighbors...

"Starting in 2016, I've had a really really hard life...my family didn't understand so they rejected me. Marillac has saved me. Marillac was like my family when my family wasn't there for me. Because the people at Marillac believed in me, I am getting better. And now my family is coming back, too. My doc has helped me get back to being the mother I was meant to be."



Scan the QR Code and Make an Impact!

Because of the end of the Public Emergency resulting in the loss of health coverage by many of Marillac's patients, we are seeing a greater need for assistance with payment for care. Help us continue to provide cost-effective, high-quality care to your friends and neighbors! Make a single donation, become a monthly donor, and/or remember us in your will!

Marillac is Hiring! Are you looking for a meaningful career of caring for others and contributing to our community's health? Join our team and receive generous benefits and competitive pay.

Learn more here: marillachealth.org/careers/